HOUSE BILL 3221

By Odom

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 50, Chapter 6, relative to workers' compensation.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

- SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 50-6-204(h), is amended by designating the existing language of the subsection as subdivision (1) and by adding the following language as a new subdivision (2):
 - (2) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, a psychologist licensed pursuant to title 63, chapter 11, is authorized to provide an impairment rating for a mental injury claimed by a worker under this section. In providing the impairment rating, the psychologist shall provide the impairment rating by any appropriate method used and accepted by the medical or psychological community.
 - SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2012, the public welfare requiring it.